P&G Case 7070

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of

Donn Nelton Rubingh et al.

Serial No. 09/646,984

Filed September 25, 2000

Confirmation No. 3865

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Examiner Wm: W. Moore

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For SERINE PROTEASE VARIANTS HAVING AMINO ACID DELETIONS AND SUBSTITUTIONS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2002, for one (1) month, from January 22, 2003 to February 22, 2003. Applicants authorize payment of the accompanying fee of \$110.00 from Deposit Account 16-2480. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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